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SUBJ: FINLAND AND CSCE FOLLOW-ON

GENEVA FOR CSCE

1. DURING TV QUESTION AND ANSWER PROGRAM ON FINNISH FOREIGN POLICY AIRED LAST NIGHT, FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN WAS ASKED WHETHER CSCE FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES WOULD REQUIRE ITS OWN NEW ORGANIZATION OR COULD BE HANDLED BY EXISTING ONES, AND WHETHER HELSINKI MIGHT BECOME SITE OF NEW BODY.

2. KARJALAINEN ANSWERED THAT SOME TYPE OF FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITY WOULD PROBABLY BE DESIRABLE AND THAT A SPECIAL ORGANIZATION MIGHT BE USEFUL, ALTHOUGH SOME ASPECTS OF FOLLOW-ON COULD PERHAPS BE HANDLED BY EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS. KARJALAINEN SAID THAT FINNS HAD MADE A PROPOSAL ABOUT FOLLOW-ON AT THE GENEVA STAGE II TALKS, BUT HAD NO IDEA WHETHER IT WOULD BE ACCEPTED. AS TO HELSINKI BECOMING SITE FOR NEW FOLLOW-ON ORGAN, KARJALAINEN SAID THAT HELSINKI WOULD BE HONORED

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TO PLAY HOST AND COULD OFFER IT, BUT THAT DECISION

WOULD BE UP TO OTHER THIRTY-FOUR COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN CSCE TALKS, AND PARTICULARLY THEN UP TO TWO SUPERPOWERS.

3. IN DISCUSSION DCM HAD TODAY WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR ANDRE, ANDRE SAID THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR BUTTRESSING FINNISH INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY TO HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERED IN FINLAND, AND SUGGESTED THAT ONE SUCH POSSIBILITY WOULD BE CSCE FOLLOW-ON ORGAN, IF ONE ISSET UP. ANDRE SEEMED RATHER SERIOUS ABOUT HIS IDEA AND GAVE IMPRESSION THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THIS TO HIS GOVERNMENT. KREHBIEL

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